




PTO Newsletter | January 2021



Deerfield PTO works hard to support our school, our teachers, and our kids! And the more parents are involved in this work, the better! There are wonderful opportunities to get involved no matter who you are or what your schedule may be.

Throughout the year, we provide extra support for teachers and staff, enhance the school environment, and organize exciting activities for our students. **Please, join us at our monthly meetings – the second Tuesday of each month – to learn more.** Or stay up to speed through our emails, text reminders and our [Facebook](#) page. 

If you have any questions or are interested in getting involved, please contact us at ksdeerfieldpto@gmail.com.

WE ARE...PTO!

JOIN US FOR THE NEXT PTO MEETING!



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 12
7-8 PM
ON ZOOM**

To join us, click [here!](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

- 1/7 School Resumes - **Welcome Back!**
- 1/11- Picture Retakes
- 1/12 PTO Mtg 7pm by Zoom
- 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - **No School!**



2-4-6-8, WHO DO WE APPRECIATE?

Do you know an outstanding educator?

Here are two ways you can help recognize them for a job well done:

Hy-Vee High 5

Complete this online Google form to nominate a teacher or staff member by **Tuesday, January 19**. Draw a picture, write a poem, or tell us how this person makes a great educator. PTO will announce the winner and nominating student **Tuesday, January 26!**



Midco's Educator Recognition Program

Every day, teachers, instructors, cooks, janitors, administrators and others make a difference in the lives of students in our communities. Through a partnership with Minsky's Pizza and McCarthy Subaru/Nissan of Lawrence, an outstanding educator is recognized each month and wins a \$200 prize. At the end of the summer, one of those winners is chosen as the **Educator of the Year** and wins a \$1000 prize, plus \$3000 for their school and \$2000 for the charity of their choice! Click [here](#) to learn more or to nominate an educator!



LET'S PLAY!

We are so excited!



Over Winter Break, the district installed a new piece of adaptive playground equipment outside of the Kindergarten/1st Grade wing. Adaptive equipment ensures that **all** children can play together, no matter their abilities. This piece allows children in wheelchairs to "climb aboard" a rocking ship!

Annnnd, last year, PTO agreed to fund a few more play structures for the same playground which will be installed this Spring!



CAN YOU HELP?

PTO relies on help from parent and caregiver volunteers to support our school community. If you are looking for ways to get more involved, please consider one of the following opportunities:

We are still looking for Chairs for the following committees. For committee descriptions, click [here](#).

- Book Fair (Co-Chair)
- Parent & Community Outreach
- Parents of Students of Color (Co-Chair)
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation - new!**

If you are interested or have questions, email us at [KSDeerfieldPTO@Gmail.com!](mailto:KSDeerfieldPTO@Gmail.com)

We are #DeerfieldStrong

ARE YOU IN THE KNOW?

To better publicize our support and fundraising efforts, PTO strives to send frequent and timely text reminders.



To opt IN, text 81010 with the message @dfpto. To opt OUT, text STOP to the same number.

PTO updates will also be featured on our Facebook page and, less frequently, in this monthly newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW?

There are lots of EASY ways to support Deerfield PTO financially!



- 1) Save your local Hy-Vee receipts and drop them in the box in the school's front-door breezeway.
- 2) Designate Deerfield PTO to receive Dillons Community Rewards! Then simply use your Plus Shoppers Card each time you shop. See [Dillons' Directions](#) or follow the steps below:



- Sign up for a Dillons card in store.
- Visit dillons.com/account/communityrewards.
- Create an account or log in to an existing account. Have Dillons card on hand to enter in the barcode number. You can also enter in an "Alternate ID" (which can be a phone number) to use when your card is not with you.
- If not automatically directed to Community Rewards, click on Person/Account icon in top right, then "My Account," then "Community Rewards" will appear in the menu on the left.
- Search for "Deerfield PTO". The official account is "Deerfield Elementary PTO, Inc." Click "Enroll".

Fewer than 100 Deerfield families helped us raise almost \$500 last quarter; **imagine what we could do with more!**

- 3) Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know and love - same selection, prices, and convenience - AND they'll donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

- Start at smile.Amazon.com each time you shop.
- Log in to your Amazon account.
- Click on "Account & Lists" and "Your Amazon Smile".
- Designate Deerfield Elementary PTO as your charitable organization (be sure it is the one in Lawrence, KS!).
- Bookmark smile.Amazon.com for all future purchases!



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Thank you for your support!

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